

PRIME Minister Waldeck-Rousseau was decorated on Sunday with the order of ancient hen fruit. It took place at Havre (France) while he was landing from a yacht.



THE Navajo Indians of Arizona own 1,000,000 sheep, and the 22,000 members of that tribe find employment in working up the cheaper grades of wool into the famed varicolored blankets which are alike impervious to both cold and water.



THE conviction often forces itself upon us that one of the greatest miseries of our age is the thirst for notoriety. There are many people, like Erasmus, who would rather be lied about than not to be talked about. Their highest ambition is to figure in print. Others who would be better employed saying their beads, write books; and fairly good catechists yearn to give lectures, and so on. The chief repugnance of the modern "dominie" is to be unnoticed; his greatest dread to become obscure. Contentment with one's lot is becoming a lost art, and sunshine of heart has given place to settled gloom.



THERE is, perhaps, no country in the world in which the Catholic press is so vigorous and so well supported as in Germany. There are at present 305 Catholic papers in the Fatherland, and they circulate among 1,200,000 subscribers. It is no exaggeration to say that without this powerful religious press and the compact organization which it has created and preserved, the past triumphs and the present strength of the Catholic party would be impossible. In Germany parents urge their children to read Catholic papers, and strongly forbid them to read secular journals. Here is a "foreign idea" we should be very glad to see imported.